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The meeting was called to order at 9.20 a.m.

Tribute to the memory of Nelson Mandela

1. **The President** said that, before the Conference resumed its work, she wished to invite the participants to observe a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Nelson Mandela. Of all the messages that were part of Nelson Mandela's legacy to the world, she wished to quote one that was perhaps among the most powerful and that was of particular relevance to the current session of the UNIDO General Conference: "Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farmworkers can become the president of a great nation."

2. *The Conference observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Nelson Mandela.*

Elections to organs

(a) Industrial Development Board

3. **The President**, drawing attention to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 9 of the Constitution, said that 27 members of the Industrial Development Board were to be elected as follows:

Thirteen members from States in List A of Annex I to the Constitution, of which seven were to be from African States and six from Asian States;

Seven members from States in List B;

Five from States in List C; and

Two from States in List D.

4. She had been informed by the respective groups that the following States were proposed as candidates:

List A (African States): Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Namibia, Tunisia, Zimbabwe;

List A (Asian States): India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Pakistan, Philippines, Syrian Arab Republic;

List B: Austria, Greece, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey;

List C: Argentina, Cuba, Guatemala, Peru, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

List D: Romania, Russian Federation.

5. She drew attention to the fact that one seat to be filled by a member from a State in List B remained vacant.

6. *The above-mentioned States were elected members of the Industrial Development Board until the closure of the seventeenth regular General Conference session in the year 2017.*

(b) Programme and Budget Committee

7. **The President**, drawing attention to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 10 of the Constitution, said that the 27 seats on the Programme and Budget Committee were to be filled as follows:

Eleven members from States in List A, consisting of six from African States and five from Asian States;

Nine from States in List B;

Four from States in List C; and

Three from States in List D.

8. She had been informed by the respective groups that the following candidates were proposed:

List A (African States): Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo;

List A (Asian States): China, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, Republic of Korea;

List B: Austria, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey;

List C: Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico;

List D: Poland, Russian Federation, Ukraine.

9. *The above-mentioned States were elected members of the Programme and Budget Committee until the closure of the sixteenth regular General Conference session in the year 2015.*

Report of the Main Committee and consideration of draft decisions and resolutions (GC.15/16; GC.15/L.2 and GC.15/L.2/Add.1)

10. **Mr. Brennan** (Ireland) expressed sincere condolences to the people of South Africa on the loss of former President Nelson Mandela, one of history's greatest leaders. Speaking in his capacity as Chair of the Main Committee, he wished to emphasize his appreciation of the cooperative and constructive manner in which delegates had participated in the work of the Committee during the current session. It was also important to recognize the value of the pre-session informal consultations that had been held in Vienna, since those exchanges, together with the invaluable work undertaken in Lima, had been instrumental in paving the way to consensus.

11. Document GC.15/16 contained the Committee's report and documents GC.15/L.2 and GC.15/L.2/Add.1 contained the draft decisions and resolutions approved by consensus by the Committee. Drawing attention to document GC.15/L.2/Add.1, he said that, owing to a drafting error, the words "inter alia" had been omitted from operative paragraph (e) of the draft resolution under item 15. He therefore wished to orally amend the third line of that paragraph to read: "... existing regional initiatives, such as inter alia 'A resource-efficient Europe' ...".

12. **The President** thanked the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Main Committee and all other participants in the Committee's meetings for their excellent and efficient work.

Annual reports of the Director General on the activities of the Organization for 2011 and 2012

Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fortieth and forty-first regular sessions

Forum on industrial development issues

UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation

Report on the work of the Multilateral Diplomatic Committee in UNIDO

Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

13. **The President** suggested that the Conference take note of the information contained in the documentation submitted under the aforementioned agenda items.

14. *It was so decided.*

Financial matters

(a) Scale of assessments of Member States

15. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision on agenda item 10 (a), contained in document GC.15/L.2 and bearing the same title as the sub-item.

16. *The draft decision was adopted.*

(b) Financial situation of UNIDO

17. **The President** drew attention to the first draft decision on agenda item 10 (b), contained in document GC.15/L.2 and bearing the same title as the sub-item.

18. *The draft decision was adopted.*

19. **The President** drew attention to the second draft decision on item 10 (b), contained in document GC.15/L.2/Add.1 and entitled "Unutilized balances of appropriations".

20. *The draft decision was adopted.*

(c) Working Capital Fund

21. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision on agenda item 10 (c), contained in document GC.15/L.2 and bearing the same title as the sub-item.

22. *The draft decision was adopted.*

(d) Financial regulations

23. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision on agenda item 10 (d), contained in document GC.15/L.2 and bearing the same title as the sub-item.

24. *The draft decision was adopted.*

Programme and budgets, 2014-2015

25. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision on agenda item 11, contained in document GC.15/L.2 and bearing the same title as the agenda item.

26. *The draft decision was adopted.*

Medium-term programme framework

27. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision on agenda item 12, contained in document GC.15/L.2 and bearing the same title as the agenda item.

28. *The draft decision was adopted.*

Outcome document of the informal working group on the future, including programmes and resources, of UNIDO, entitled "Strategic Guidance Document"

29. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision on agenda item 13, contained in document GC.15/L.2 and entitled "Strategic Guidance Document".

30. *The draft decision was adopted.*

Lima Declaration and Plan of Action 2013

31. **The President** drew attention to the draft resolution on agenda item 14, contained in document GC.15/L.2/Add.1 and entitled "UNIDO and the post-2015 development agenda negotiations".

32. **Mr. Melan** (Austria), speaking on behalf of the European Union (EU), said that the UNIDO Member States belonging to the EU wished to co-sponsor the resolution.

33. *The draft resolution was adopted.*

UNIDO activities related to energy and the environment

34. **The President** drew attention to the first draft resolution on agenda item 15, contained in document GC.15/L.2 and entitled "Partnerships towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development".

35. *The draft resolution was adopted.*

36. **The President** drew attention to the second draft resolution on item 15, contained in document GC.15/L.2/Add.1 and entitled "UNIDO activities in energy and environment".

37. *The draft resolution was adopted.*

38. **Mr. Deleuze** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), welcoming the adoption of the draft resolution, said that he wished to place on record his delegation's support for the resolution in its totality and its interpretation of operative paragraph (i) as meaning that the role of UNIDO in promoting and disseminating international energy management standards and best practices of industrial energy efficiency would be guided by the priorities and national circumstances of each country.

UNIDO activities related to the Vienna Ministerial Declaration and Plan of Action of the Least Developed Countries and to cooperation with middle-income countries

39. **The President** drew attention to the first draft resolution on agenda item 17, contained in document GC.15/L.2/Add.1 and entitled "Industrial development in middle-income countries".

40. *The draft resolution was adopted.*

41. **The President** drew attention to the second draft resolution on item 17, contained in document GC.15/L.2/Add.1 and entitled "Lima Ministerial Declaration for the Least Developed Countries".

42. *The draft resolution was adopted.*

Personnel matters, including UNIDO Staff Pension Committee

43. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision on agenda item 19, contained in document GC.15/L.2 and entitled "Personnel matters, including UNIDO Staff Pension Committee".

44. *The draft decision was adopted.*

Date and place of the sixteenth session

45. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision on agenda item 21, contained in document GC.15/L.2/Add.1 and bearing the same title as the agenda item.

46. *The draft decision was adopted.*

Closure of the session

47. **Ms. Haidara** (Executive Secretary of the Conference), speaking on behalf of the Director General, said that UNIDO wished to express its gratitude to the Government of Peru for its exceptional cooperation with the Secretariat over the past 18 months in planning and organizing the fifteenth session of the General Conference. Many individuals had contributed to the success of the session, and the

Director General had decided to recognize the critical contribution of some of those in the host country who had played an outstanding role in making what was a memorable meeting a great success also.

48. *The Executive Secretary invited the Director General to commend the following individuals: Ms. Rivas Franchini, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Ms. Silva, Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism, represented by Mr. Gamarra, Vice-Minister of Tourism; Mr. Grippa Zárate, Vice-Minister of Production; Mr. Orellana Blotte, Executive Director of Integral Security of the National Police of Peru; Mr. Steiger, President of the National Association of Industries of Peru; and Mr. García Revilla, Permanent Representative of Peru to UNIDO. She then invited the President of the fifteenth session of the General Conference to commend the following individuals: Mr. Vorobiev, Deputy Chief of the Conference Management Service and Chief of the Planning, Coordination and Meetings Section, United Nations Office at Vienna; Mr. Rahimi, Deputy Chief of the Security and Safety Service, United Nations Office at Vienna; Mr. Mercer, Manager (Groups and Special Events) of the Westin Lima Hotel and Convention Center; and Ms. Valdez, Chief Executive Officer of corporate event company Stimulus.*

49. **Mr. LI** Yong (Director General) expressed his deep sorrow at the loss of Nelson Mandela, a towering figure on the world stage and a great leader who had made an immeasurable contribution to humankind. He wished to join the many voices of condolence that Mr. Mandela's sad passing had elicited all over the world by conveying his sincere sympathies to the people of South Africa.

50. He was extremely pleased by the outcome of the fifteenth session of the General Conference. It had been a historic conference, the success of which had been made possible by the generous cooperation and support of Peru as host country. He thanked the Government and people of Peru for their warm hospitality, and applauded the country's leadership in advancing global industrial cooperation.

51. He expressed appreciation to the many ministers, high-level panellists and delegations that had ensured the Conference's great success, and welcomed the "Vienna spirit" of cooperation and flexibility with which the Member States had approved the various documents on important issues of relevance to UNIDO operations, foremost of which was the Lima Declaration. He thanked Mr. García Revilla, Ambassador of Peru in Vienna, for skilfully guiding the drafting of the Declaration and for his leadership and vision.

52. He was also grateful to the other ambassadors in Vienna accredited to UNIDO for their strong support, and praised the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference for skilfully guiding the discussions to a successful and timely conclusion.

53. He also wished to thank the members of the Conference team from the UNIDO Secretariat, as well as the UNOV Conference Services and the United Nations Safety and Security Services, who had made a valuable contribution to the success of the session.

54. He congratulated the new External Auditor, Mr. Engels of the German Supreme Audit Institution, on his election and said that he looked forward to his guidance.

55. The Conference had been a truly historic event that had brought a new spirit to UNIDO: a spirit of inclusive and sustainable industrial development; a spirit of partnership and cooperation; a spirit of aspiration to a better and more prosperous tomorrow. Quoting a Chinese proverb, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step", he said that UNIDO had taken a great first step in Lima by adopting the Lima Declaration, which would be a landmark document for decades to come. Inclusive and sustainable development would be the Organization's development priority for many years, and that would entail great responsibility: a responsibility to implement the Declaration, and a responsibility to act swiftly.

56. The year 2014 must be a year for action. He would work hard to repay the trust placed in him and in UNIDO. It was essential that UNIDO enhance the scope and impact of its services to Member States and to the international community, which was why UNIDO was already planning to arrange a series of forums in 2014, in cooperation with Member States, to discuss global best practices in industrialization and to establish strong partnerships to implement those best practices globally. It was essential to create "networks for prosperity" and to implement the Lima Declaration without delay.

57. UNIDO partnership with its Member States, the private sector, academia and all other stakeholders in inclusive and sustainable industrial development was essential to that work in order to attain the goal of eradicating poverty within the next generation. It was vital that all act immediately and act responsibly as strong partners for prosperity.

58. Quoting a further Chinese proverb, "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day, but if you teach him how to fish, you can feed him for his lifetime", he said that in order to eradicate poverty, it was necessary to provide the man with the capacities to build the boat and nets with which to catch the fish. Inclusive and sustainable industrial development was a critical foundation for creating the world to which all aspired: a world free of poverty and one of shared prosperity for all peoples.

59. It was the responsibility of all UNIDO Member States to make the Lima Declaration their future reality and a cornerstone of the post-2015 development agenda. Inclusive and sustainable industrial development must become a priority in the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals and in the post-2015 development agenda. Together, UNIDO and its Member States could create shared prosperity and achieve poverty eradication within the next generation.

60. On what was a journey of a thousand miles, the first step had been taken. The fifteenth session of the Conference marked the starting point for the common goal of eradicating poverty. He would follow the guidance enshrined in, and work in partnership with the Member States to implement, the Lima Declaration. Together, UNIDO and its Member States made a difference; together, they advanced inclusive and sustainable industrial development worldwide; together, they would be able to end poverty.

61. **The President**, welcoming the successful outcome of the session, said that it had been an honour for her country to host the General Conference and expressed gratitude for the trust placed in her as President. She commended the Secretariat and the conference services for the excellent organization of the Conference, and particularly the interpreters and technicians for their flexibility. Special thanks were due to the Secretariat for its cooperation and continuous support both during preparations for the Conference in Vienna and during the session in Lima.

62. She also expressed appreciation to Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms. Rivas Franchini and her team for their unconditional support and readiness to assist — and particularly to Mr. García Revilla, Ambassador of Peru in Vienna, who not only had helped to bring UNIDO to Peru but also had assisted with preparations over the course of more than a year.

63. She extended her thanks to the representatives of the private and industrial sectors that had contributed to the organization and success of the forum events, to the National Police of Peru for assisting with security arrangements and to the Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism, the Vice-Minister of Tourism and the team of the Ministry of Production for their unconditional support.

64. The Conference had been extremely useful for all participants, and she expressed the hope that it had provided Member States with new ideas for implementing industrial policies. For Peru, the Conference had facilitated greater understanding of the experiences of countries in other regions that faced the same challenges. It had helped to strengthen ties among the UNIDO Member States through debate, discussion and the exchange of experiences, and she was convinced that that would greatly strengthen industrial cooperation for the benefit of all countries.

65. Peru would continue to participate actively in UNIDO events, and she was confident that at the next session of the General Conference, Peru would be able to report not only on the challenges that it faced but also on the great progress made in transforming its economy through greater diversification and industrialization with the support of its partners and the technical support and assistance of UNIDO.

66. She wished to conclude by quoting Nelson Mandela once again: "Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity; it is an act of justice." She appealed to the Director General to help to guide UNIDO and its Member States in advancing the process of industrialization and thus making that act of justice possible.

67. *The Conference observed a minute of silence for prayer or meditation.*

68. **The President** declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.